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1. CONTACT GROUP MET AM JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS LIKELY SOUTH
AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT ON REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. GROUP
BELIEVES THAT, IN LIGHT OF KAUNDA'S PLANS FOR A SUMMIT
(POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS JUNE 9), IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE
SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT NOT CATCH THE FRONTLINE PRESI-
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DENTS OFF GUARD AND CAUSE A DELAY OR CANCELLATION OF THE
SUMMIT. GROUP, THEREFORE, AGREED THAT THE FRONTLINE STATES
(PLUS NIGERIA AND GABON) SHOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATE-
LY OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT. WE RECONG-
NIZE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT A CERTAINTY BUT BELIEVE
THAT THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD ARGUES FOR INFORMING THE FRONT-
LINE IN ADVANCE. EVEN IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT OCCUR,

THE FRONTLINE WILL HAVE BEEN MADE MORE AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED FOR PROGRESS.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT THE AMBASADORS OF THE FIVE IN EACH OF THE FRONTLINE CAPITALS (PLUS LAGOS AND LIBREVILLE) SHOULD ARRANGE TO MAKE AN APPROACH TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TALKING POINTS.

DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH FRONTLINE STATES.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY INTEND TO PROCEED SHORTLY WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY ARE COMMENCING THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN NAMIBIA. WE HAVE TOLD PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH ACTION AND THAT IT WOULD BE REGARDED BY OUR GOVERNMENT AS "A ONE-SIDED STEP CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF A VITAL PROVISION OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH SOUTH AFRICA HAS ACCEPTED". WE HAVE STRESSED THAT THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS WITH WHICH THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED AND WITH WHICH HE MUST BE FULLY SATISFIED. THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION WILL IN OUR VIEW NOT BE VALID IF CARRIED OUT UNILATERALLY, AND A PROCESS OF REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL WILL BE REQUIRED. WE HAVE FURTHERMORE STATED THAT THEIR PROPOSED ACTION

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WOULD REPRESENT ANOTHER OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS UNDERLINE THE NEED FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT TO OUR PROPOSAL. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS INFORMED US OF HIS DESIRE FOR A FRONTLINE SUMMIT ON NAMIBIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WE HOPE THAT THIS MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF ALL OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

END TALKING POINTS.

3. CONTACT GROUP BELIEVES THAT AMBASSADORS SHOULD ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS (INCLUDING LAGOS AND LIBREVILLE) OF THE AGREED POSITION OF THE FIVE ON WALVIS BAY AS CONTAINED IN THE PAPER GIVEN TO KAUNDA (REF A, REVISED REF B). TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE DESCRIPTION OF OUR POSITION, THE CONTACT GROUP AGREES THAT A COPY OF THAT PORTION OF THE KAUNDA PAPER WHICH CONTAINS OUR POSITION ON WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO EACH HOST GOVERNMENT. (THE COPY SHOULD BE PASSED ON PLAIN WHITE BOND, AND THERE

SHOULD BE NO INDICATION THAT IT IS AN EXCERPT FROM A
FULLER PAPER.)

THE REST OF THE KAUNDA PAPER SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE
RASSES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS (NOR SHOULD ITS EXISTENCE BE
MADE KNOWN); HOWEVER, IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
FIVE'S RESPONSES TO SWAPO'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL,
AMBASSADORS SHOULD DRAW ON THE SUBSTANCE OF
THE ENTIRE PAPER. YOUNG

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